

SPECIAL CABLES.
FROM THE HERALD'S LONDON CORRESPONDENTS.THE UGANDA QUESTION.
LONDON, JAN. 2.
Sir Gerald Portal, British Resident at Zanzibar, has left for Uganda to inquire into the affairs of that territory.THE GERMAN ARMY BILL.
DETERMINATION OF THE EMPEROR TO PASS THE BILL.
LONDON, JAN. 2.

The Daily Telegraph states that the Emperor William of Germany has intimated to his Generals that he is determined to pass the Army Bill and to crush all who oppose him.

CHOLERA RIOTS IN RUSSIA.
LONDON, JAN. 2.

Twenty cholera rioters at Astrakan, in Russia, have been sentenced to death.

THE HAWAIIAN ISLANDS.
THE AMERICAN CLAIMS.

LONDON, JAN. 2.
The United States warship Mohican will probably be ordered to Honolulu to support the American claim to the Hawaiian Islands.

THE GUELPH FUND.
LONDON, JAN. 2.

A sensation has been caused in Germany by a report which is current to the effect that the sum of 1,750,000 marks, belonging to the Guelph Fund, has been distributed among Ministers, officials, and newspaper proprietors as bribes.

The report has not been confirmed.

TROUBLE IN EQUATORIAL AFRICA.
A BELGIAN EXPEDITION THREATENED.

LONDON, JAN. 2.
The Times states that the Khalifa Abdallah, at Khartoum, has threatened to expel Kerkhoff's Belgian expedition, established at Lado, to the north of Wadell, in Equatorial Africa. It is feared that the trouble will spread to the Upper Nile.

The Times urges the British Government to occupy the territory embraced within the sphere of British influence in Equatorial Africa, and extending far as the Albert Nyanza.

REVENUE OF THE UNITED KINGDOM.
LONDON, JAN. 2.

The revenue of the United Kingdom for the past quarter amounted to £24,071,000.

THE LONDON UNEMPLOYED.
SERVICE IN ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL.

LONDON, JAN. 2.
A special service for the unemployed was held in St. Paul's Cathedral on Sunday.

A large number of the unemployed attended. During the sermon they frequently applauded the preacher, who expressed his sympathy with the men.

THE STEAMSHIP UMBRIA.
SIGNALS MISUNDERSTOOD.

LONDON, JAN. 2.
It has transpired that the Cunard liner Gallia spoke the Umbria when that vessel was disabled on her voyage to New York, but, owing to the Umbria's signals being misinterpreted by the Gallia, the latter vessel proceeded on her voyage to Liverpool.

A BAPTIST CHURCH BURNED DOWN.
LONDON, JAN. 2.

The General Baptist Church at Notting-ham has been burned down. The pastor of the church is the Rev. Mr. Hill, formerly of Sydney.

MRS. LANGTRY.
LONDON, JAN. 2.

Mrs. Langtry, the well-known actress, who was recently reported to be seriously ill, is now out of danger.

BRIDGE ACROSS THE ENGLISH CHANNEL.
LONDON, JAN. 2.

A company is promoting a bill for the building of a bridge across the English Channel.

RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION IN THE CONGO.

CHINESE LABOUR IMPORTED.

LONDON, JAN. 2.
Six hundred Chinese have been imported into the Congo Free State, West Africa, to construct a railway.

DEATH OF MR. SUMMERS, M.P.

LONDON, JAN. 2.
The death is announced of Mr. William Summers, M.P. for Huddersfield.

MR. LAKE'S EXHIBITION OF PICTURES.
PICTURES BY THE QUEEN TO BE INCLUDED.

LONDON, JAN. 2.
Her Majesty the Queen, according to Mr. Joshua Lake's request, has promised to despatch next week several pictures painted by herself, to be included in Mr. Lake's collection of the works of British and foreign artists for exhibition in Melbourne.

THE PRICE OF SILVER.
LONDON, JAN. 2.

Bar silver is quoted at 8s 2d-16d per ounce.

SPECIAL CABLES.
FROM THE HERALD'S LONDON CORRESPONDENTS.ROMAN CATHOLIC MISSION TO THE MAORIS.
VISIT OF ARCHBISHOP CROKE TO AUSTRALIA.

LONDON, JAN. 2.
Dr. Luck, Roman Catholic Bishop of Auckland, has collected £4450 for the mission to the Maoris in New Zealand. The Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria contributed 1000 francs to the fund.

Bishop Luck states that Dr. Thomas W. Croke, Archbishop of Cashel and Emly, will shortly proceed on a tour through the colonies.

THE LORD MAYOR OF LONDON.
GREAT RECEPTION IN DUBLIN.

LONDON, JAN. 2.
Alderman Stuart Knill, Lord Mayor of London, has been accorded a great reception in Dublin on the occasion of his visit to that city.

The freedom of the city was conferred upon him.

MR. W. J. HOLLOWAY.

LONDON, JAN. 2.
Mr. Henry Irving has engaged Mr. W. J. Holloway to play in Tennyson's "Becket."

REBELLION IN MEXICO.

LONDON, JAN. 2.
The rebellion in Mexico against the rule of President Diaz is spreading. Two hundred prominent citizens are implicated in the rising.

SKATING ACCIDENTS IN ENGLAND.

LONDON, JAN. 2.
Numerous accidents through skating on the ice continue to be reported. Several fatalities have occurred.

THE RAILWAY ACCIDENT ON THE BLAYNEY LINE.

ESCAPE OF THE PASSENGERS.

THE INQUEST ON DRIVER WILLOUGHBY.

(By TELEGRAPH)
(from our Correspondent.)

COWRA, MORAY.

There were 16 passengers in the train which met with the accident yesterday near Wattlebank, the majority being for Cowra. All escaped serious injury, though several passengers fell from the truck to the ground. The engine had broken the rails first and plunged down an embankment about 10ft. deep. The couplings between the engine and the tender broke, by which the latter was thrown completely over, and now rests on the top of the embankment. The only thing which prevented the engine from being dashed to pieces was the breaking of the coupling and the intervention of two truck of grain between the carriage and the engine.

News of the accident arrived within an hour of its occurrence, and by 4 o'clock the passengers were all landed in Cowra, and a relief train sent to remove the debris and repair the line.

Mr. Willoughby was buried beneath the engine. The body of each of his party was completely scalded off. When found the dead man's hand was resting on the reversing gear, apparently in an endeavour to stop the train.

Considerable damage was done to the rolling stock and line equipment.

The passengers generally experienced great difficulty in making their escape from the overturned carriage, owing to being locked at night, while away from Young Town. Two, Mr. G. Smith, and Mr. G. R. G. Smith, were buried beneath the engine. The body of each of his party was completely scalded off. When found the dead man's hand was resting on the reversing gear, apparently in an endeavour to stop the train.

The body of Mr. James Willoughby, driver of the train, was held to be before Mr. J. T. West, coroner, and a jury of 12. Several officials of the railway, including Mr. G. Smith, Mr. G. R. G. Smith, Mr. G. G. Smith, and Mr. G. G. Smith, represented the Railway Committee. Mr. G. G. Smith, coroner for the district, presided over the inquest.

The first witness called was

George Williams, guard of the train, who gave formal evidence of the conduct of the accident, and as far as the robbery and general character of the犯人 was concerned.

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MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL

Today, being New Year's Holiday, was observed as a public holiday, which even the hard-worked Treasury officials participated in, regardless of the fact that the public are anxiously looking forward to the publication of the revenue return of the year resulted in a deficit, hence the tardiness which prevails in regard to the issue of the accounts. What the public want to know, however, is, Is the deficit so large as has been represented, or has anything occurred to reveal it to even larger proportions?

The gold market is in a quiet state, while

nothing is really interesting to all the world at the present time, when currency questions are being discussed with a reverence to everyone, particularly to ourselves in Australia, where we not only are money, but also the people who control the money, which is the case. From the absence of the services of Mr. Leach, director of the United States Mint, it appears that during the 12 months ended 30th June last the silver purchases of the United States Government amounted to \$4,354,748 fine ounces, costing \$10,021,200. The highest price paid for silver was 1.0245d. per fine ounce, and the lowest 0.8565d. per fine ounce.

At the lowest price the commercial value of the pure silver in a dollar was 65 cents, and at the highest price it was 78.65d., the average being 0.734d. Only about \$260,000 worth of silver was purchased during the year, and the remainder was for the addition of coinage of \$4,878,000, from trade dollar bullion, and also some re-coining of worn silver coins. Altogether the coinage for the year amounted to \$1,792,975d., made up thus:—Gold, \$8,995,957d.; silver, dollars, \$8,100,000; silver, coins, \$669,812d.; minor coins, \$266,716d.

Since the passing of the Bland Act in February, 1873, silver dollars to the face value of \$53,283,000 have been minted, and this coinage the Government have realized a profit of \$14,847,000.

Of course, on any re-coining of the money, system, the profit would have to be offset against any loss which would be incurred.

The annual production of our winter season has had a very weakening effect upon

English and foreign wheat, which may be

caused generally over the world on the

part of the market.

The wheat crop in California, of

course, is held in a

small quantity, and

the market is very

quiet.

Freight rates have

been reduced when last writing,

and a further fall in value has taken place.

The heavy supplies coming forward to an unfavourable

market, and said opening of our winter season

has produced many unsatisfactory results.

The shipment per Austral, reported as arrived

in Sydney, was

as follows:

WORLD'S CONSUMPTION OF SILVER.

Value.

Per cent.

